

Behold: Worship in Glory!**BEHOLD: *The Revelation!***

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Following Jesus' revelation to the churches, and before the first of the seals of judgment is broken, John is transported in the Spirit to the throne room of Heaven. He describes as the elders join the constant worship of God on His throne, and the growing crescendo of worship of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!

God's Throne in Heaven**Rev 4:1-10**

Behold! — an open door in heaven (3:8) ... "Come up here!"

"after this" ... events following the church age (Jn 1:19)

"at once" ... John is summoned in the Spirit to heaven

Behold! — the throne in heaven

God seated on His throne – colors of clear (diamond?) & red a rainbow around the throne – color of emerald green

24 thrones around the throne – Fulfill Jesus' promises:

24 elders seated on them (3:21)

Clothed in white (3:5,18)

Gold crowns (of reward, not rule) (2:10, 3:11, 4:10)

Priests (prayers, song of redeemed) (1:6; 5:8-10)

Who are these 24 Elders? (4:4, 9-11; 5:5-14; 7:11-17; 11:16-18; 14:1; 19:4)

24 was the number of priestly orders (1 Chron 24 - 25)

"Elders" = local church leaders, never used of angels

OT saints (Dan 12:1-3) only raised after the Tribulation

Tribulation saints are not in heaven before Tribulation

"They represent the raptured, glorified, coronated church, which sings the song of redemption (5:8-10)... where they have gone to be with Jesus (cf. John 14:1-4)." — MacArthur, *Revelation 1-11*

>Then the Rapture has already happened before Rev 4.

>The church is not on earth in Rev 6-18: cp 1 The 1:10, Rev 3:10.

>The Holy Spirit, the Restraint, is removed 2 Thes 2:1-8

Behold! — the throne in heaven (continued)

from the throne lightning and rolling thunder

before the throne 7 torches of fire, defined as 7 spirits of God

around the throne "as it were" a sea of crystal clear glass

spaced around the throne 4 living creatures

eyes front & back (v.6) seeing all around and throne (v.8)

1- "like" a lion

2. "like" an ox

3. with the face of a man. 4. "like" an eagle in flight

Worship of God Unceasing! — on His throne, who lives eternally

4 Living Creatures day and night "Holy, holy, holy!"

24 elders falling down & casting crowns before Him

"Worthy are You ... You created all things"

The Lamb of God in Heaven**Rev 5:1-14**

Behold! — The Lion... of Judah, the Root of David" = Messiah!

Worthy to open scroll; *to execute God's Wrath in Judgment!*

Significance of the Scroll: (beginning of the end, per Dan 9:24)

Appearance: The Lamb – 31^x in Revelation

"standing as though slain" – He who defeated death!

"7 horns" – complete, absolute power

"7 Spirits of God" – sent into all earth (2 Chr 16:9; Jn 16:8)

Took scroll of judgment from hand of God on throne (Jn 5:22)

Worship of the Lamb 1! — a new song to the Redeemer!

4 Living Creatures, 24 elders falling before the Lamb

Harp, gold bowls of incense = prayers of saints

"Worthy" to judge by Your work of redemption

"ransomed people ... kingdom & priests to our God"

"they shall reign on the earth"

Worship of the Lamb 2! — to exercise all attributes of rule

100's of millions⁺ of angels (around throne, 4 LC, 24 elders)

Combined Worship of God and the Lamb! — eternal glory

Every creature (in heaven, earth & sea, on & under)

4 Living Creatures say "Amen!" 24 elders fall down & worship